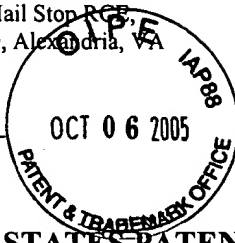


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Dear Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Final Office action mailed on July 5, 2005, Applicants hereby amend the claims and otherwise respond as follows. This amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination, filed herewith. It is believed that there is no additional fee associated with the filing and consideration of this amendment, however, **should the Commissioner decide that any fee or fee deficiency is due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any and all fees incurred as a result of entering this amendment and response to Deposit Account number 03-0172.**

Please amend the application as follows: